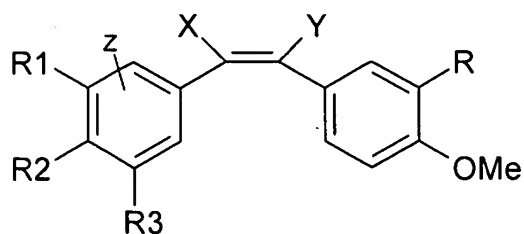


**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 2, as follows:

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention a compound of formula (I)



wherein:

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub>, which can be the same or different, are H, OMe, NO<sub>2</sub>, NHR';

Z = H or halogen

X and Y, ~~different each other~~, are halogen or H with at least one of them being halogen;

R = OH, OPO<sub>3</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>OPO<sub>3</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>, OR', NO<sub>2</sub>, NHR';

R' = H, alkyl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>), (COCHR''NH)<sub>n</sub>-H;

R'' = H, an amino acid side chain, Ph;

n an integer comprised between 1 and 3;

their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, racemates and single enantiomers.